

A RESOLUTION to honor Matthew Eugene Beeken on becoming
an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when the youth of our country face tremendous challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of this nation's greatest assets, providing young people ages six to twenty with an educational program geared toward character development, citizenship training and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout and, Matthew Eugene Beeken, after considerable hard work and preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Matthew, is the son of proud parents Mr. and Mrs. Don Beeken and grandson of Mrs. Hector Beeken of Sandusky, Ohio and Mr. James Carothers of Clyde, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, he is a graduate of Cleveland High School and is currently attending Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia, where he is excelling both academically and in extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, his exemplary record of accomplishment as a member of the Boy Scouts includes 24 Merit Badges and excellent leadership as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, Patrol Leader, Scribe, and Troop Guide; and

WHEREAS, his Eagle project benefited his community and Tennessee and reflected the fine traditions of the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, he also demonstrated his strong faith as an active member of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church where he participated in the youth choir, instrumental

ensemble, and United Methodist Youth Fellowship. He was also a Cleveland District representative to the Holston Conference Youth Council on Ministries and a youth representative to Wesley's Administrative Board; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause to specially recognize Matthew as one of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate Matthew Eugene Beeken on becoming an Eagle Scout and wish him continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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